



GANG PREVENTION, INTERVENTION, & SUPPRESSION

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Introduction

- Department of Corrections 2003
 - ▣ 2 ½ years Corrections Officer
 - ▣ 2 ½ years Admissions Officer
 - ▣ 6 months Case Manager – Max
 - ▣ 3 years DOC Training Specialist – In-Service
 - ▣ 1 year MLEA CDOB Program Manager
- B.A. Psychology – Criminal Emphasis
- U.S. Army Reserve – 42A
- DOC STG Gang Taskforce - 2005

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Fact #1

There is a gang presence in every major Montana city, and on all 7 Indian Reservations

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Fact #2

Law Enforcement Agencies report an INCREASE in gang related disturbances and crimes AFTER a gang affiliated individual is released from incarceration into their communities.

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Fact #3

Once gangs have settled into a community, it is nearly impossible to reverse their presence.

Fact #4

Denial of a gang presence in our communities is like closing your eyes while drinking a bottle of rat poison. The toxin is **STILL GOING TO DESTROY YOUR COMMUNITY**, if you close your eyes!

Mentality of the Gangster

Christian

- ❑ I believe in God. The only God.
- ❑ I follow the word of the Holy Bible. The Good Book.
- ❑ I pray to/with a cross. The sacred symbol.

Native American

- ❑ I believe in The Creator. The only Creator.
- ❑ I follow the word of my Elders. The spoken word of truth.
- ❑ I pray with the Peace Pipe. The sacred item.

The Gangster

- ❑ I worship, idolize, live for, and will die for my Set. My true family.
- ❑ I follow the order of my OG, the rules of the Code of Silence, and the written code of conduct of my Set.
- ❑ I fly my colors (rag) at all times, pay respect to my symbol, and defend my Set to the end.

The 3 R's To Live & Die By

- ❑ Respect
- ❑ Retaliation
- ❑ Reputation



The Three Prong Approach

“Vision is not enough, it must be combined with venture. It is not enough to stare up the steps, we must step up the stairs. “

Vaclav Havel

- Prevention
- Intervention
- Suppression



Prevention

“Prevention is
better than
cure.”

Old Proverb

- Recognition/Awareness Education
 - ▣ Parents
 - ▣ Teachers
 - ▣ General Public
 - ▣ Law Enforcement
 - ▣ School Resources Officers
 - ▣ Youth
- Programming
 - ▣ G.R.E.A.T.

Prevention Continued

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- Mentoring
 - ▣ Someone THEY can relate to
 - ▣ Past gang members
- Community Recreation
 - ▣ After School Programs – 5-6 pm
 - ▣ Idol hands are the devil’s hands
- Community Group dedicated to the cause. Examining & impacting social change in their community.

Intervention

“Experience has taught us that men will not adopt and carry into execution measures the best calculated for their own good without the intervention of a coercive power.”

George Washington

- Understand the gang mentality
 - ▣ Respect
 - ▣ Knowledge
 - ▣ Understanding
- Get involved
- GIVE THEM A REASON NOT TO BANG!
- Impulsive, in the moment thinkers

Suppression

“Everyone knows there is fineness or accuracy of suppression: if you hold down one thing, you hold down the adjoining.”

Saul Bellow

- Zero tolerance stand point
- Multi-jurisdictional Law Enforcement Taskforces
- Effective Law Enforcement Identification Database
- Cover graffiti immediately
 - ▣ Community Graffiti teams, fines, community service
- OPEN YOUR EYES!!!!